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1. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONDING TO REFTEL, BUT PRECISE INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL LAND HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN.

2. IN RECENT YEARS THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT HAS IMPLEMENTED A NUMBER OF COLONIZATION PROJECTS OFFERING LAND AT RELATIVELY LOW PRICES TO CITIZENS AND FOREIGN NATIONS WHO WILL DEVELOP NEW AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

3. RESPONSIBILITY FOR LAND GRANTS AND SALES RESTS WITH THE INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE COLONIZACION. THE INSTITUTE RECOGNIZES THREE FORMULAS FOR COLONIZATION: AGREEMENTS SIGNED BETWEEN THE GOB AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS; AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE INSTITUTE AND PRIVATE CORPORATIONS; AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE INSTITUTE AND PRIVATE CITIZENS. ALL CONTRACTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE IMMIGRATION AND VISA DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. THIRTY PERCENT OF THE TOTAL CAPITAL VALUE OF THE PROJECT MUST BE PAID UPON REQUESTING THE LAND AND
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AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY PERCENT IS PAID HALFWAY THROUGH THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT VALIDITY.

4. THE INSTITUTE DOES NOT HAVE A SCALE OF PRICES FOR LAND. IT USES THE TERM "SYMBOLIC PRICE", WHICH IS SAID TO BE THE PRICE THAT INTERESTED PARTIES ARE WILLING TO PAY FOR PARTICIPATION IN LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. ONE PROJECT, SAN JALIAN/CHANE/PIRAY,

IS PRICED AS FOLLOWS: \$B 30 PER HECTARE FOR INDIVIDUAL CAMPESINOS
OR GROUPS OF CAMPESINOS UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 50 HECTARES; \$B 150
FOR PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE, UP TO A MINIMUM OF 125 HECTARES; \$B150
FOR AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES, TO A MAXIMUM OF HECTARES.

5. LAND MAY BE RESOLD ONCE THE OWNER HAS RECEIVED TITLE. IT IS
POSSIBLE TO SECURE TITLE TO LAND IN APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS.

6. ON THE THEORY THAT THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING COLONIZATION
MAY NOT BE ENTIRELY APPLICABLE OR ACCEPTABLE TO US INVESTORS IN
CATTLE RANCHING, WE HAVE ASKED THE MINISTRY OF AGRUCULTURE WHETHER
LAND COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE AT CONCESSIONARY PRICES TO
FOREIGNERS INTERESTED IN THE CATTLE INDUSTRY. ALTHOUGH NOT
WILLING TO QUOTE PRICES, THE MINISTRY HAS CONFIRMED ITS
READINESS TO SELL LAND TO FOREIGN INTERESTS. SPECIFIC
PROPOSALS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

BORIS MARINOVIC
SUB-SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
AVE. CAMACHO
LA PAZ, BOLIVIA

7. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THE PRICE AND AMOUNT OF LAND
AVAILABLE FOR A PARTICULAR PROJECT, WHETHER IN THE AREA OF
AGRICULTURE OR OF FORESTRY, IS NEGOTIABLE. US FIRMS WISHING
TO INVESTIGATE THESE TYPES OF INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES SHOULD
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SEND THE EMBASSY A COPY OF ANY PROPOSALS MADE TO THE MINISTRY
OF AGRICULTURE SO THAT WE MAY SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS.
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